ROCKS

We are still getting very cold weather which was predicted by the weatherman. Below zero here this morning. School children have had several more days vacation due to the snow.

A number attended the Esther Lee funeral last Monday at Union Hill Church.

Mrs. Jewel Routt of Cullen is at home from the hospital. She is a sister of Mrs. Lockie Martin of near Evergreen. Also Ryland Routt's mother.

Friends around here were very sorry to hear of the death of Joe Dinkins of Madison Heights on Monday. Sympathy is extended his loved ones.

Mrs. Maude Ranson died at Lynchburg General Hospital Thursday morning in place of at home. Sympathy is extended each one of her loved ones. Bob Martin had the croup Thursday night.

Mary Ranson entered Lynchburg General Hospital Friday night. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Right many attended the service at Rocks Sunday morning, in spite of the cold weather. Dr. J. J. Bowman brought a fine sermon on worrying.

Rev. Floyd Lucas of Appomattox occupied the pulpit on Sunday night. A good number came out, it was most zero weather.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Maude Ranson of Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jimmie Rosser returned home from Hawaii Saturday morning.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Spud Almond & Wyatt on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Almond of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge of near Pamplin. The occasion was Spud's birthday.

On January 23rd, we will be voting whether to extend a call to Rev. A. M. Taylor as our pastor. This is a very important event in our lives and in the life of our church. Reread the copy of the background and life of Mr. Taylor. Be present and cast your vote as the Lord leads each one of you.

Many farmers were on the tobacco market last week. The prices came down for some reason. Only a short time left to sell it before the market closes. Still a lot hanging in the barns yet.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Bowman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson were visiting Mrs. Charlie Ranson at Lynchburg General Hospital Sunday afternoon.

No schools opened today in Appomattox County because of the below zero weather.

Friends here were shocked this morning to hear of the death of Pat McPhillips of Catharpin, Virginia on Sunday. He died in a hospital near there.

Completes Recruit Training

JANUARY 17 - Navy Seaman Michael A. Covington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Covington of P. O. Box 374, Route 2, Appomattox, Va., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School, he joined the Navy in April 1976.

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Father Darkleat

by Calvin Robinson

Monday morning item...waiting for the snow to start falling as predicted. I have fallen into a sort of routine in that when I get up in the morning I check the porch thermometer and then go down to the basement to adjust the space heaters accordingly. And write down the fuel meter reading and keep a record of how much oil consumed. Cannot claim it helps, but at least it gets me ready for breakfast.

Two changes most would like to see....prices come down and thermometers go up.

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Thanks to Bro. Cumby of Marshall's Dept. Store for sending along a newspaper clipping from a Vepco release. The clipping was a reproduction of a sign which hung in New York City hotel rooms around the turn of the century and shows that early users of electricity had more to think about than bills. The sign read as follows: "This room is equipped with Edison Electric Light. Do not attempt to light with match. Simply turn key on wall by the door. The use of electricity for lighting is in no way harmful to health, nor does it affect the soundness of sleep."

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Met up with one of fine local Ministers in the post office and he had received in his morning mail two seed and nursery catalogs: Gurneys and Waynesboro Nurseries. My guess is that he will have a garden this year, and that recalls that my late Father, a Baptist minister for sixty years, was a highly successful gardener. I did not inherit his gardening skill, but did learn to relish vegetables. Ah yes, garden spots are now covered with snow, but in a few weeks outdoor action will get started.

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Not too many from Appomattox have ever visited Tangier Island, out in the Chesapeake Bay, but those of us who have brought back impressions of a strong people, rich in tradition and enterprise. Currently they are icebound and getting emergency supplies by air. When I was there Tangier had no landing strip. Cold winters set records and recall accounts of bitter weather long ago. It was before my day, but I always heard of men driving horse and wagon on the ice over the Elizabeth River between Portsmouth and Norfolk, back about 1892. And now we read of people walking on the ice across the upper Potomac River. I still think 1917 - 18 was the coldest winter, but we had some rather rough ones here in Appomattox in the mid 30's.

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One of the best features in a newspaper is the "Letters to the Editor" column, wherein readers take off for or against some issue. Clipped one the other day in which the writer listed some of the great things about Virginia. Such as Virginia tobacco as justly famous for 364 years; Suffolk the peanut capitol, Winchester the apple capitol, the Albermarle pippin, Virginia peaches, Chesapeake Bay oysters, James River and ChickahominyRiver shad, Fauquier County horses, Smithfield ham, etc. Add in the Natural Bridge, Montecello, Williamsburg, Appomattox, Mt. Vernon and a great list of historic attractions, the Valley of Virginia, the Luray Cavern, Chincoteague ponies, and on and on and on to add up and make us feel proud at being in Virginia. Tourism is the state's second largest business.

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Never too early to start making plans for the semi-annual Town Clean-Up drive.

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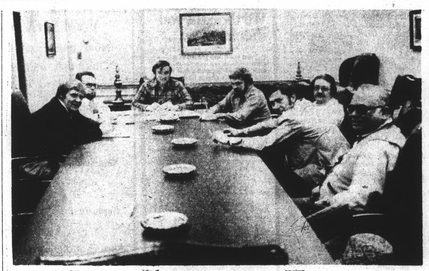
Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.



C of C Held Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday evening, January 18th, at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch.

Board members discussed plans to increase Chamber membership. Plans will include a listing of all prospective members and a listing of benefits to be derived from Chamber membership. Board members attending, left to right, were Bruce Cowan, Carl Miller, Bill Slagle, Chamber President, Tom Matthews, Hugh Johnson, Jim Pugh and Francis Elliott.

A committee was named to review the structure of membership fees. Tom Matthews will serve as chairman of this committee.

Hunter Evans To Head Conservation Board

Hunter P. Evans of Concord was re-elected as Chairman of the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District. Dr. Franklin Flint of Lynchburg was re-elected Vice Chairman and Allan Hunter, Rustburg, was re-elected Secretary. Dennis Torrence of Appomattox was elected Treasurer of the District Board. Chairman Evans welcomed the two newly elected conservation directors to the Conservation District Board - Torrence of Appomattox and Edwin Fitzgerald of Amherst.

The Conservation District Board reviewed the status of the pending streambank erosion problem on the Staunton River below the Leesville Dam. Fluctuating water level undermines the streambanks. Farmers, below the dam, report that in several places more than 100 feet of farmland has been lost. While the streambank erosion tends to diminish farther downstream, accelerated erosion is known to extend for over 20 miles below the dam.

Fishery biologists, with the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, report that the quality of the river as a fishery habitat is declining. Sediment is filling the deeper holes needed as resting areas for striped bass. Also, the sediment is having a drastic effect on the fishery habitat by reducing the production of food organisms. Sediment is also lowering the fishery and recreational quality of the John Kerr Reservoir. The Conservation Board has requested assistance from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Under the Streambank Erosion Control Evaluation and Demonstration Act of 1974, the Corps can conduct demonstration projects to stabilize critically eroding river banks. Such demonstration projects must be sponsored by local governments and/or conservation districts. Both the Robert E. Lee and the Pittsylvania Soil and Water Conservation Districts are considering sponsoring the Leesville project if the Corps can design a satisfactory solution to check the erosion. Appalachian Power Company has also expressed an interest in cooperating with the districts on the stabilization project.

Other business included the approval of requests for conservation plans from 5 new district cooperators. It was reported that 10 conservation plans had been developed with district cooperators during the past month. Conservationists with the USDA Soil Conservation Service provided the planning assistance.

Dr. Flint, Chairman of the District's Long Range Objectives Committee, made a progress report on the District's objectives. The next step is to establish priorities and develop strategies for accomplishing our objectives, he said.

Secretary Allan Hunter read letters from William Perrow and Katherine Feagans, who attended the Conservation Short Course for teachers. Both recommended that more teachers enroll in this course. The district agreed to continue to provide a scholarship for a local teacher.

Give To MARCH OF DIMES MOTHERS MARCH SET FOR SUNDAY—JANUARY 30th "Birth Defects Are Forever Unless You Help"

Mrs. William F. S. Gresham

To Speak At Garden Club

Mrs. William F. S. Gresham of Lynchburg will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Appomattox Garden Club on Monday, January 31, 7:30 P.M., at the Farmers National Bank, Trinagle Plaza Branch. Her topic will be "Landscape Design."

Active in both creative and performing arts, Mrs. Gresham has made a considerable contribution to the civic and cultural organizations in Lynchburg and throughout the State.

Landscape design and gardening are Mrs. Gresham's special interests. She attended Landscape Design School and received her graduate certification in 1963 awarded by the Federation (National) of Garden Clubs in cooperation with Virginia Polytechnic and State University, and continues to return to that institution each summer for further study. She is a past President of the Virginia Council of Accredited Landscape Design Critics.

Mrs. Gresham drew the plans and supervised the planting for the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center grounds and also for many homes and apartments in the Lynchburg Area. She was commissioned to redesign the garden at General Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters in Washington, D. C. in 1965.

The Artistic exhibit will be "Treasures in green -- arrangement using three or more types of fresh green plant material. The horticulture exhibit will be house plants, especially African Vilocts.

All members are urged to attend.

Deadline For Tags — Licenses January 31

According to Mrs. Ida Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County, state business licenses, county business licenses, trailer licenses and dog tags must be purchased no later than Monday, January 31.

In order to get your dog tags you must bring with you a rabies certificate with the expiration date. Dog owners are requested, by law, to have a tag for each dog they own.

For the convenience of citizens of the county, the office of the Treasurer of Appomattox County will be open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, January 29.

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSE JANUARY 31st

Merchants licenses for the Town of Appomattox are due no later than January 31, 1977.

Please purchase your merchants license at the Town Office on or before this date.

Youth Association To Hold Meeting

The Appomattox County Youth Association will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, February 3, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch, according to Fred Weakley, President of the Association.

All persons interested in coaching, being an umpire, or helping in any way are urged to attend this meeting. Your cooperation and assistance is needed in order to continue with this program for the young people in our county.

Officers for the new year will be elected at this meeting. Please come out and support the Appomattox County Youth Association.

VEPCO Ends Voltage Reduction

Virginia Electric and Power Company has announced that a 5 per cent voltage reduction instituted January 17, 1977, has ended because of milder temperatures, an ease in customer demand and a return to service of major generating facilities.

Stanley Ragone, Vepco Executive Vice President, urged consumers to continue the conservation of energy and the elimination of non-essential uses of energy.

Mr. Ragone said, "We wish to thank all of our customers who voluntarily reduced electric usage over the past week. Vepco was able to maintain service to its customers with a minimum amount of inconvenience through their efforts."

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Dr. Remo Latano, ophthalmolgist of Lynchburg, will present a program on sight conservation. This will be Dr. Latano's first visit to Appomattox to speak to this club.

All members will want to be present.

American Legion To Meet January 31st

The American Legion Post 104 will meet Monday, January 31st at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Home.

This meeting had been scheduled for January 24th but was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Estimated Billing For Town Water Usage

Due to the extreme cold weather and icy conditions, the Town of Appomattox will not read the water meters for the December - January billing period.

The Town feels that to open the water meters at this time would create some problems for the town and for the citizens.

Each water customer will be billed for an estimated amount of water. Any overage or underage will be corrected on the regular April 1, 1977 bill.

Water meters for industrial users will be read.

Please notify the Town Office in case of any water leaks.

Rabies Clinic Set For Friday

A rabies clinic for dog vaccinations will be held on Friday, January 28th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Appomattox Animal Hospital located on Route 460 West of Appomattox.

A fee of $3.00 will be charged for vaccination of each dog.

Local Men Choosing Early Retirement

In Appomattox County, as well as in most other sections of the country, a significant portion of the male population over age 16 is by choice, not going to school, not working and not intending to work.

For the most part, they are able-bodied men who have sufficient sources of income or adequate financial backing to enable them to get along without working, many of them at a comparatelvely young age.

Also among them are people who are unable to work because of poor health.

In this non-work category, based upon the latest figures from the Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce, are an estimated 640 local residents. Included are some 250 who are between 16 and 65 and 390 who are over 65.

They represent 17.9 percent of Appomattox County's over-16 male population. Elsewhere in the country, the non-workers comprise 14.9 percent of the total.

The majority of them are retired persons who have accumulated sufficient resources, through savings, pensions and the like, to enable them to lead lives of leisure.

There are others, of course, who are able-bodied but not self-supporting, who are not looking for work and not wanting it. They represent a small fraction of the total, however.

Nationally, in the over-16 male population, there are some 15 million in this non-school, non-work group, an increase of about 2 million since 1970.

Much of it is attributed to the fact that more men are quitting their jobs when they reach retirement age. Only about one out of five continues working after 65, according to the latest commerce Department findings.

Of Appomattox County's male population over 65, approximately 27.0 percent are still in the labor force.

What has been making retirement possible for many more people, often before reaching that age, is the rapid expansion in recent years of private and public pension programs and of Social Security.

In addition, some have other sources of funds available to them, such as interest on savings, dividends from investments, life insurance annuities, veterans benefits and the like.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF MONROE LODGE 301 AF & AM, left to right above, are Wayne Garrett, Senior Warden; Robert Holt, Worshipful Master; Kermit Campbell, Junior Deacon; and not shown in photo, Ray Hudson, Senior Deacon.

Industrial Executives to Participate In Employment Workshop at ACHS

On Thursday morning, January 27, 1977, a special career program has been planned for juniors at Appomattox County High School on "Opportunities in Business and Industry," through the cooperative effort of the Guidance Department, Director of Vocational Education, English II teachers, and certain vocational teachers. The program will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. and will consist of a panel discussion followed by seven group sessions with directors of personnel in seven industries in the area. The topic of the panel discussion is "What Employers Look for in an Employee," and will be held from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Moderator will be Mr. R. B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education. Panel members to participate are Mrs. Lucy Spencer, Virginia Employment Commission Supervisor, and Mr. Dallas Wade, President of Central Virginia Industries. Mrs. Spencer will give an overview of the employment situation, the labor outlook for the next five years, and the services rendered by the Virginia Employment Commission. Mr. Wade will give an overview of the southside industries. The seven group sessions to be held from 10:00 - 10:45 A.M., will have Directors of Personnel as consultants: namely, Mrs. Merle Alvis of Babcock and Wilcox, Mr. J. F. Dorety of Transmark Corporation, Mrs. Kathy Kibler of First Colony Life Insurance Company, Mr. William Cooper of Virginia Fibre Corporation, Mr. O. Snow of Limitorque Corporation, Mr. Walter Carson of Appomattox Garmet Company and Mr. W. H. Puryear of Lynchburg Foundry

Objectives of the career program are: (1) to provide information on occupations in the local and surrounding area, (2) to provide an opportunity for students to interact with persons representing business and industry, (3) to provide an opportunity for students to see relationships between course work, work experience, academic grades, leisure time activities and occupational clusters, and (4) to acquaint students with what an employer is looking for in an employee.

Rev. Taylor Accepts Pastorate At Rocks

The Rocks Baptist Church voted Sunday morning to extend Rev. A. M. Taylor a call to serve as pastor of the church.

He is presently serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in Ellis Grove, Illinois.

Rev. Taylor accepted the call to become pastor of Rocks Baptist Church and will assume the duties as pastor on March 6, 1977.

Crumbs For Thought

"By Zeke"

Tombstones have the admirable quality of speaking well of people when they are down. Isn't it a shame that we do not do the same for the living who are down. It is said that Will Rodgers, the humorist, never made jokes except about the winner. Those who were up.

"Don't praise yourself, let others do it." Proverbs 27:2.

(T.L.B. Paraphrase)

Bloodmobile Was Here Tuesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile made its regular visit to Appomattox County on Tuesday from noon until 6 p.m. The quota for this visit was 102 units of blood - plus approximately 15 to make up for shortages at another visit.

At the Tuesday visit, a total of 151 citizens came out to donate a unit of blood, and 21 persons were deferred. Appomattox County is now 100 per cent of its quota - our people responded as they always do when there is a need.

There is still a critical shortage of blood in the Central Virginia area and we congratulate all the donors who came out to give a unit of their lifesaving blood.